## Prayer List

We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services. Also offer your prayers for those in need especially Helen Baburchak, Jessica Barton, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Janet Cross; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs, Anthony Gallis, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch, Nancy Kulikowsky, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Mohamed Rawoof, Joni Mitchell, Ann Sawchak, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Bob Wartonik, Valentina Yelangy, George Zur & all of our parishioners who are ill. To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know.

## ADULT STUDY GROUP...NEW SERIES CONTINUING SEPTEMBER 2021 GENESIS AND CREATION

Our children and grandchildren are taught evolutionary philosophy in high school and college. Is this teaching compatible with Orthodox Christianity? Can we learn a few principles to help us address this complex issue with clarity? Join us for this new series of short (30 minute) adult study classes on Sundays after coffee hour.

PIEROGI WORKSOPS - We are starting our workshops this month in preparation for the Christmas bake sale. The workshops will be starting on Tuesday, September 21st and will run the following Tuesdays – 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/9. 11/16, 11/30 and 12/7. Other dates will be added as needed.

Potato scoopers start at 4:00 pm. Pinchers start at 4:30 pm. We usually are out by 7:00-7:30 depending on clean-up. If you are unable to come help pinch, etc. – we can always use a hand cleaning up! Please contact Sue Watson @ 725-2727 with any questions or to sign up.

We would like to congratulate two of our parishioners who were accepted to St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary, Mark Solomon and his wife Alana, and Greg Fedorchak and his wife Krista. Greg and Mark began the Master of Divinity 3-year Program that God willing will lead them to the ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Let us, as a parish family, support them by our prayers and financial assistance. May God grant them Many Years!

## "WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU, DO IT"

The Gospels mention very little about the Blessed Mother once her Son begins His public ministry. We are told that she was present beneath the Cross when our Lord was crucified. On occasion, it is recorded that she was in the area when Christ was going from town to town. Only once, however, does the Theotokos share her thoughts with us through the Scriptures. John's writings tell of a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. Jesus, His Apostles and Mary have all been invited to the celebration. When the wine unexpectedly runs out and Christ is called upon to intercede, His Mother offers the servants this profound bit of advice: "WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU, DO IT." (John 2:5)

Although these few words were meant to address a particular situation, the wisdom contained in them applies to all aspects of an Orthodox Christian approach to life. Obedience to Christ and His teachings is expected of all of God's children. It is not for us to question the Lord. He knows what is necessary for our salvation and He has charted the course for us to follow so that we can attain this lofty goal. Simply put, if we do as Christ says, salvation will be ours! If the Blessed Mother was able to comprehend this, surely, we can as well.

We must always remember that God loves all of us, and desires that all men be saved. May we all open our hearts to Him and allow Him to guide us along the correct path.

Invitation to Support Diocesan Ministries! You are invited to join the ever-growing list of Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors who joyfully support the on-going work of our diocese. Their support allows us to provide assistance to new mission parishes, scholarships to seminarians, and much-needed encouragement to older struggling parishes. How about you – can you help? Archbishop MICHAEL encourages all parishioners, organizations & parishes to take part in this vital Diocesan Ministry that benefits all of our missions, parishes and people. For information, visit the Diocesan website at nynjoca.org



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our quests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.